

# BAN B. JOHNSON'S REJOICES AT NEW MOVE OF FULTZ Head of American League Would Welcome Union Scale of Wages

By W. J. MACBETH

Any gentleman who deliberately sticks his head into a hangman's noose is not deserving of a whole lot of sympathy. That is just what the Baseball Players' Fraternity has done in its application for a charter in the American Federation of Labor, in the opinion of Ban Johnson, president of the American League.

"I sincerely hope they join the Federation," said Ban last night. "It will simplify their extermination."

"Gladly will we enter into a union proposition with the 'Fraternity,'" he continued. "It would cut the overhead expenses to a quarter of what now prevails. A union scale of wage for ball playing would be established. The latent jealousy and the kindred organizational bickering on the question of the game need have no apprehension."

**Stars Would Suffer**

"Let them set the wage at the maximum standard. Let them fix double the pay of the best paid union scale. Stars of the game, like Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker and Grover Alexander would be compelled to toil for one-third their present recompense. This striking of a balance would more than effect the scheme of economy in salaries that has been exploited—but not practiced—in the relations of employer and employee this year."

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**Pact of Long Standing**

This contract was subscribed to by the union heads some years ago as a means of settling a labor strike that arose in connection with the building of the Cleveland American League grandstand. The union of the Middle grandstand. The union of the Middle grandstand. The union of the Middle grandstand.

Aside from the union idea, there is a general feeling that the major league players have been successful in their fight for the best policy is to proceed accordingly.

"This is, or should be, a fight to the finish," said Captain T. L. Huston, of the Yankees, yesterday afternoon.

"The sooner the matter is settled, the better. If the game is going to tolerate undue dictation on the part of the players, then it will not be long before the shrewd moneyed interests who have made the game what it is, will have to take the matter into their own hands."

"I've had as much experience in strikes as any man in the United States. I confess the fight appeals to me. It's a bigger thing, in my estimation, than a bugging up in the streets. If my colleagues are going to take it on my name to know it. That is no part of my game. The issue is just as big as the promoters care to make it. The bigger the issue, the more serious they consider it, the quicker order will be established from chaos. It is a question of going to the mat for principle. A backdown means the crucifixion of the game as we know it."

**Not the First Crisis**

This is not the first time that organized baseball has been confronted by such a dilemma. A crisis of the same nature developed a few years ago. An issue was made of a minor league player by major league players. Ban Johnson advocated a lockout, if necessary, to bring the dissatisfied players to terms. He was crossed then by the National League.

It is not believed the National League can back water in this instance. Formerly the parent major had the sympathy of the majority of minor associations. Now, in the face of the National League's decision to stand for a backwater, it will find itself alone. For the minor leagues, even more than the American, feel that a life and death issue hangs in the balance.

The "big showdown," said Fultz, will come on February 20, the date set for the departure from Chicago of the club for California. Eighteen of the club's players are expected to strike, but a flatter had been grossly misinformed. He stated that within the last few days sixteen major league stars had met in this city and pledged themselves to see the issue through from Fultz's viewpoint. Fultz also said that Nallee, the Giant scout recently expelled from the franchise, had written a letter in significant terms to the New York Tribune. It was alleged, had repented of his sin against the ink dried on the document.

The Fultz is trying to bring the franchise members into line is evidenced from news reports from various centers of baseball interest. Meetings were held last night at Chicago and New Orleans, and the New York Tribune plans for putting through the mooted minor league reforms, were the topics of these conferences. It was announced that the players had decided to stand by Fultz.

**Threat from Johnson**

Last night Ban Johnson declared that American League players would not be allowed to report at the spring training camps before they had signed contracts. Ban intimated that unless the players signed the new contracts before February 1 new documents at considerably reduced salaries would be substituted.

The schedule committees of the National and American leagues completed their labor late yesterday afternoon, but made no announcements as to the big league draft of dates further than that the season would open on Thursday, April 11. Conflicts in cities that have representatives in both major leagues have been eliminated.

The members of the National Commission will start for Dover Hall, Ga., next Friday afternoon to deliberate with counsel on the defense of the suit for \$300,000 damages brought by the backers of the Baltimore Federal league club before a jury in Philadelphia. This case is to come to trial within the next two weeks.

## Movie of a Man Throwing a Pair of Dice



## High Schools Committee Takes Control of Sports

Old Style of Scoring Points in Dual Swimming Meets Revived

By A. C. CAVAGNARO

Full control of high school sports has been vested in the High Schools Games Committee, according to an announcement made at its monthly meeting yesterday. During the last two months it has been charged that the High Schools Principals' Association has been attempting to take over some of the work of the games committee, much against the wishes of the latter.

The High Schools Games Committee was able to reopen the entry list for the basketball championship tournament as a result of this decision. The principals' association had objected to the reestablishment of this title competition, maintaining that it would end abruptly through a wholesale disqualification of the players, as was the case in 1912. Entries will close on January 27.

**A Busy Afternoon**

The afternoon proved a busy one for the committee. The various sub-committees to conduct the various sports were appointed, the chairman of each being: Baseball, Alanson L. Fish; Football, Frederick Ernst; Basketball, Harry J. Silverman; Hockey, William Hance; High School of Commerce; Lacrosse, F. D. Robinson; Net Ureth; Rugby, Herbert J. McCreary; Manual Training; swimming, Emanuel

## DEFENDS STAND BOXING REFEREE TAKEN BY LAWN TENNIS OFFICIALS FINALLY RULES SIVORI WINNER

George Schwelger, boxing referee at the New York Athletic Club, reported to the boxing committee of the Metropolitan Association at its meeting last night that he had finally ruled Albert Sivori, now unattached, to be the winner of the much discussed "raw bout" in the Winged Foot tournament, held last month. Sivori met Sam Lagonia, of the Bronxville Athletic Club, and after four rounds of boxing the judges decided as to the winner.

Sivori will now meet Robert Gleason, of the Dominican Lyceum, in the final bout, which probably will take place in conjunction with the championships of the local district, which were awarded to the Central Park South Club. They will be held on March 21, 22 and 23.

The City Athletic Club, outside the Pastime Athletic Club, which, it was announced, would be held after the national championships early in April.

## Two Bouts for Miceli in Crescent Tourney

J. Miceli, of the Educational Alliance, scored two victories in the 115-pound class in the preliminaries of the amateur boxing tournament held at the Crescent Athletic Club, Brooklyn, last night. He defeated his first opponent, A. Trinker, of the East Side House, in two rounds. In the semi-finals he outpointed C. Palandate, of the Oranm A. A.

## COLUMBIA FRESHIES WIN AT BASKETBALL

Columbia's unbeaten freshman basketball team ran circles around the quintet from Hamilton Institute on the Columbia court yesterday. The score was 43 to 8, and had the Blue and White cuts extended themselves to the limit in the second half it might have been even greater.

## Billy Miske and Dillon Battle to a Fast Draw



## Big Crowd Sees Spectacular Bout at the Broadway Sporting Club

By W. O. MCGEEHAN

Billy Miske and Jack Dillon tore and slashed ten wild rounds to a draw at the Broadway Sporting Club last night.

Buffed and worried and stung by a relentless battery of body blows in the earlier rounds, Miske mastered his vicious foe in the last two, making a wonderful finish. He sent Dillon's bullet head rolling with terrific rights to the jaw. The best part of the fight was Miske at the first.

**A Wonderful Boxer**

Had the fight gone further, Miske would have won decisively, though he looked like a beaten fighter in mid-fray. He is a wonderful boxer and a wonderful fighter, this slim, pale St. Paul boy, with as stout a heart as ever pulsed steadily through the stream of a ring battle.

Dillon showed the outward marks of the battle. His nose was flattened and there was a deep cut over his left eye. Miske started this with a right in the second round. The eye bothered Dillon more and more as the bout went on.

**Always Fights Back**

He always fought back, sometimes weakly, sometimes vigorously, as his vitality would return. There was a red spot under his heart at the end. It is probably a purple bruise to-day.

But though last night's fight must be classed as a draw, Miske is Dillon's master, and Dillon must know it now. Miske beat Dillon to everything in the last two rounds.

## TELEPHONE CLUB HOLDS A PUTTING CONTEST

The New York Telephone Club held a midwinter putting contest on the indoor golf course at their clubhouse, on West Seventeenth Street, yesterday. R. C. Rennard won the qualifying round, with an even 100, over to thirty-six-hole route. He had a score of 50 on each eighteen holes.

## BIG NIGHT PLANNED FOR MEN OF OLD ELI

Ex-President William Howard Taft, Chauncey M. Depew, Vance McCormick and Colonel Cornelius Vanderbilt will be among those to welcome the Yale football team of 1916, the coaches and the football committee at the Yale Club of this city on Friday night. Every Yale man who has won his letter will have the opportunity to meet the team that defeated Harvard. This occasion will be the first in Yale's athletic history that the "Y" men have combined in recognizing their team.

# The Sportlight

100 Per Cent Hate

I hate the thought of being broke;  
I do not like satiric chaff;  
I hate to hear an ancient joke  
At which I am supposed to laugh;  
I hate to have my salary cut;  
I hate to draw a sharp retort;  
But most of all I hate the putt  
That stops about two inches short.

I shrink from winds that freeze my nose;  
I hate to shave against the grain;  
And shoes that pinch my aching toes  
Give me a large ingrowing pain;  
I hate to be known as a mutt;  
I hate to have my trousers rip;  
But most of all I hate the putt  
That coily hangs upon the lip.

## Ten Greatest Toms

- Lawson.
- and Jerry.
- ahawk.
- cat.
- boy.
- Jones.
- Long.
- Tom.
- the Piper's son.
- myrot.

## The Players' Strike

Ball players are entitled to one of two things—either a fraternity to less after their rights or to equal representation on the National Commission that will insure something even more vital than fair play—which is faith in getting fair play.

We take no stock in the theory that the average Son of Swat is a downtrodden citizen. The ball player rarely gets the worst of it. But that doesn't mean that he should not be in position to protect himself against the worst of it. As long as he isn't given equal voting power on the commission, the fraternity is the next best thing.

But no fraternity should call a strike except for the gravest reasons. Unless these reasons are deemed fully sufficient by the public the player's suffer most. The public can get along in some way without league baseball, and the number of magnates to suffer is exceedingly small. The main force of the blow would land in a resounding thud upon the ball player's neck. If the matter is a vital one, this might make it worth while. But the main delay at present appears to be over a comparatively trivial affair.

We have always contended that ball players are entitled to fair representation upon the National Commission. Club owners and league presidents as rarely in close touch with the players, and in this respect its power for efficiency is weakened.

## Badly Misjudged

After all, it appears that Les Darcy has been badly misjudged. It was stated that he ran away from fighting in Australia to do a different sort of fighting in America. But apparently one sort of fighting is as highly repugnant to Mr. Darcy as another, whether it be Australia in the trenches or America in the ring. He is a pacifist of the purest type.

## Who Wants to Settle This?

Dear Sir—Will you kindly settle this argument? A contends that since Francis Onimet was barred from amateur competition he must be a professional under the ruling. B contends that since Onimet isn't playing any sort of competitive golf, but only for fun or recreation on Saturdays or Sundays, he is bound to be an amateur—that a man can't be a professional who doesn't play the game in a competitive way. Who wins? S. K. E.

## YALE CLUB MEETS ERASMUS HALL ITS FIRST DEFEAT SWIMMERS WIN IN SQUASH TILT IN DUAL MEET

The squash tennis team of the Crescent Athletic Club entered the winning column by inflicting the first defeat of the season on the Yale Club team in a series of the Metropolitan Association Class B championship tournament on the present courts yesterday.

At the new exists for the lead, as the Columbia Club men in a series of their home courts won three of the five matches from the Princeton Club. Both Yale and Columbia have won three of the four series played to date.

The defeat of Otis Guernsey and J. C. Tomlinson, Jr., the most dependable members of the Eli combination, caused Yale's downfall. Guernsey failed to solve the attack of James Day, who played in especially good form, winning by scores of 15-12, 15-10. Tomlinson failed to hold the pace against Yale's first star, after he had captured the first game. The scores were 16-17, 15-8, 15-11.

Harold Rowe made the Crescent victorious by winning the odd match from Harry Greene by a score of 15-8, 15-10.

## AL DEMAREE TRADED FOR JIMMY LAVENDER

Philadelphia, Jan. 16.—Announcement was made to-day that Pitcher Al Demaree, of the Philadelphia Nationals, has been traded to the Chicago Nationals for Pitcher Jimmy Lavender. No money consideration was involved, it was said.

## Tennis Club to Meet

The annual meeting of the West Side Tennis Club will be held at Delmonico's, Forty-fourth Street, on Friday evening. Officers for the coming year will be elected and the regular club business transacted. The amateur rule will be discussed, as will also the matter of applying for the 1917 national championship tournament.

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